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Public Notice –
No Further
Action Status

Los Banos Rails
To Trails Project

PUBLIC NOTICE

Los Banos Designated Local Authority – Rails to Trails Project, Los Banos, Merced County

Public Notice: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on a request for no further action, made on behalf of Los Banos Designated Local Authority (DLA) City of Los Banos – Rails to Trails Project (Site).

This Public Notice fact sheet provides general information on the Site. A map showing the location of the Site is attached (Figure 1).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 08, 2019 – December 09, 2019

CASE SUMMARY:

The site extends from the former Pacheco Oil Company property southeast along the Los Banos Rail Trail to the intersection of Pacheco Boulevard and Mercey Springs Road as well as along the Rail Trail between Place Road and Ward Road.

Previous assessment work at the former Pacheco Oil and other sites in Los Banos have documented the impact of arsenic in the soil, likely from historic railroad use of arsenic based herbicides. A total of 256 samples were analyzed for arsenic in the first sampling event with 64 samples also analyzed for lead. The second sampling event included 386 samples analyzed for arsenic with 18 samples also analyzed for lead. Sample results revealed Lead concentrations were not above the applicable cleanup level.

Arsenic affected soil at the site was excavated in two phases, removed from the subject properties, and disposed as non-hazardous waste. Provost & Pritchard submitted reports dated June 13, 2018, and October 3, 2018, detailing the remedial action that was completed at the Los Banos Rail Trail site.

Confirmation sampling demonstrated that surface soil Arsenic concentrations (0 to 0.5 feet below ground surface (bgs) ranged from 3.3 mg/kg to 31.9 mg/kg with a mean value of 11.6 mg/kg. Deep soil Arsenic concentrations (0.5 to 2.75 feet bgs) ranged from 3.3 mg/kg to 42.4 mg/kg with a mean value of 11.8 mg/kg.

The soil sample results indicate that Provost & Pritchard successfully removed the majority of impacted soils. A Land Use Covenant will be placed on any property where the established cleanup goal of 12 mg/kg was exceeded to ensure that the property is restricted to industrial use only

No threat to groundwater is expected. Threats to human health regarding vapor intrusion, direct contact, and nuisance are considered insignificant.

The Central Valley Water Board has approved the Los Banos Designated Local Authority's request to issue a no further action status at the Site. This request is now open to the public for comments and concerns for a period of 30 days.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Reports and analytical results regarding this Site can be viewed by accessing the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker website at:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000002447

The reference Case Number for this project is: T10000002447. Additionally, the case file for the Site is available for review at the Central Valley Water Board office located at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Ste. 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. To make an appointment for a file review, please call (916) 464-4636.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Any interested individual can learn more about the case by contacting Mr. Mark Bare with the Central Valley Water Board. Written comments regarding concerns or issues on the no further action status for the Rails to Trails case should be submitted to Mark Bare at the Central Valley Water Board by **December 09, 2019**.

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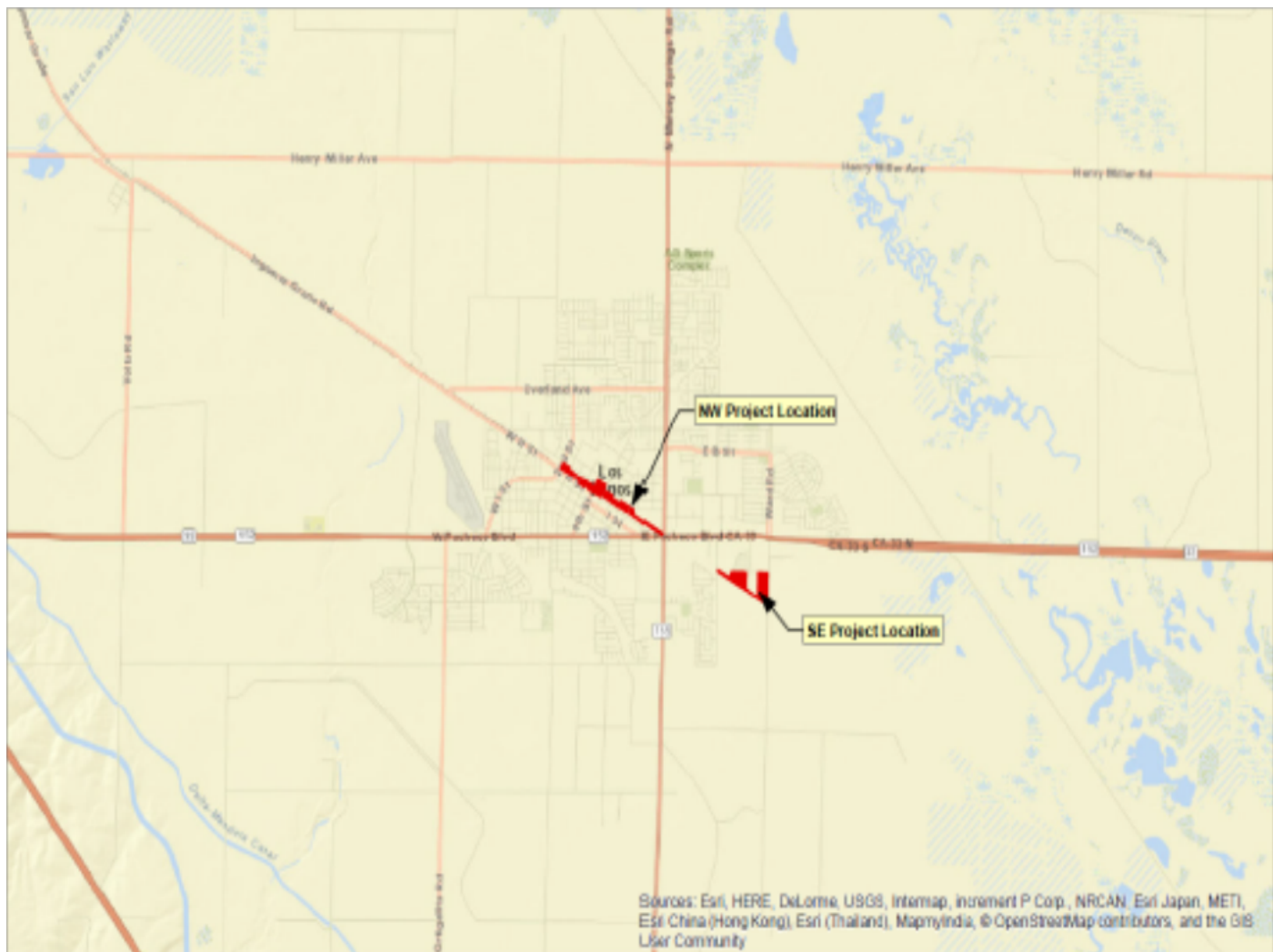


Figure 1 – Site Location Map for Rails to Trails Site